



Docket: 05056

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
Christian SIMON et al. Group Art Unit: 1796
Serial No.: 10/531,473 Examiner: Michael J. Feely
Filed: April 15, 2005
For: EPOXY RESIN CURING AGENT FOR ENHANCED WEAR RESISTANCE
AND WEATHERABILITY OF CURED MATERIALS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for election of species that was made on June 19, 2008, in the above-mentioned application.

The Office has required the Applicant to elect a species for variables X and n in the compound of the invention.

The Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species where $X = -NR_1R_2$, n is 1, and R_1 and R_2 are both hydrogen.

It is submitted that claims 1-20 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown even a *prima facie* case that a serious burden would be placed on the Examiner if the recited species were to be examined together.

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Accordingly, since it has not been shown by the Office that a serious burden would be placed on the Examiner if the recited species were initially to be examined together, Applicants submit that requirement for election of species cannot be properly maintained. The election requirement is clearly improper, and it should be withdrawn.

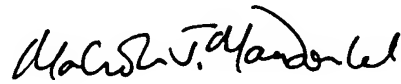
It is believed that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for reply to the notice dated June 19, 2008, for one (1) months from July 19, 2008, to August 19, 2008. A duly completed credit card authorization form is attached to effect payment of the extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 19, 2008

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